

  
Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr., introduced the following bill, which was referred the to  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To order, on an emergency basis, the authority to accept and use gifts for the purpose of facilitating  
the celebration and commemoration of the private legal holiday, the District of Columbia  
Emancipation Day.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act  
may be cited as the "District of Columbia Emancipation Day Fund Emergency Act of 2002".

Sec. 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this act, the term:

(a) "Emancipation Day Fund" means the fund established in Section 4 of this act.

(b) "Emancipation Day Parade" means the parade to celebrate and commemorate

Emancipation Day.

Sec. 3. Authority.

Pursuant to D.C. Law 13-247, April 16th is established as a private legal holiday, District of  
Columbia Emancipation Day, for the purpose of commemorating and celebrating the day President  
Abraham Lincoln signed the District of Columbia Emancipation Act ending slavery in the District

of Columbia. Pursuant to Section 115 of the District of Columbia Appropriations Act 2002, 1  
approved December 21, 2001 (Pub. L. No. \_\_\_, \_\_\_ Stat. \_\_\_), the Council may accept and use gifts 2  
without prior approval by the Mayor. Pursuant to Section 404 of the Home Rule Act, the Council 3  
has the authority to create or organize any instrumentality of the Government of the District and to 4  
define the powers, duties, and responsibilities of any such instrumentality. 5

Sec. 4. Emancipation Day Fund. 6

(a) There is established the Emancipation Day Fund ("Fund") to be operated for the 7  
purposes of funding the Emancipation Day Parade and activities on Freedom Plaza associated with 8  
the celebration and commemoration of Emancipation Day. 9

(b) The monies in the Fund shall not be a part of, nor lapse into, the General Fund of 10  
the District or any other fund of the District. 11

(c) By August 1st of each year, a report shall be submitted to the Council which will 12  
include a specific accounting of how monies in the Fund were expended and any remaining balance. 13

The accounting shall include the following: 14

- (i) The name of any donors or anonymous contributions; 15
- (ii) The amounts of each contribution; 16
- (iii) A description of any donated property; and 17
- (iv) Identification of the use of funds for purposes of presenting the parade in 18  
recognition of the private legal holiday, known as Emancipation Day, and the support for those 19  
parade related programs, activities and functions for which the funds have been expended. 20

(d) Proceeds in the Fund may be expended for the administration of the Emancipation 21  
Day Parade and activities on Freedom Plaza associated with the parade. 22

(e) In no case, may proceeds from the Fund be used for any purpose not directly 1  
related to the parade and activities on Freedom Plaza associated with the parade in celebration and 2  
commemoration of Emancipation Day. 3

Sec. 5. Establishment of Emancipation Day Parade. 4

There shall be a parade and activities on Freedom Plaza associated with the Emancipation Day 5  
Parade each year in commemoration and celebration of Emancipation Day. 6

Sec. 6. Fiscal Impact Statement. 7

Because the funds collected in the fund will not be included in the District's revenues nor will 8  
the obligations generated by payment for the celebration be a part of the District's obligations, the 9  
Emancipation Day Fund will have no fiscal impact on the District. The Council adopts the attached 10  
fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact statement required by Section 602(c)(3) of the District 11  
of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1- 12  
206.02(c)(3)). 13

Sec. 7. Effective Date. 14

This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the 15  
Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 16  
days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in Section 412(a) 17  
of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. 18  
Official Code § 1-296.02(c)(1)). 19